

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE POSS DUPE

PAGE 01 MOSCOW 04251 272011Z

50

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 NEA-09 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-03 H-02

INR-07 L-02 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15

SAJ-01 NIC-01 /062 W

----- 011824

R 271539Z MAR 75

FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8671

INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

AMEMBBASSY CAIRO

AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

USIA WASHDC

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE MOSCOW 4251

USIA FOR IBS, IEE, IPS

E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: PFOR UR US

SUBJ: SOVIET PRESS HINTS U.S. INTERESTS LINKED WITH FAISAL MURDER

1. SUMMARY. SOVIET PRESS (MARCH 27) SUGGESTED A LINK BETWEEN THE ASSASSINATION OF KING FAISAL AND U.S. INTERESTS AND TACITLY ENDORSES VIEW THAT FAISAL'DEATH WAS RESULT OF A POLITICALLY INSPIRED PLOT. END SUMMARY.

2. BEIRUT-DATELINED TASS ARTICLE (PRAVDA, MARCH 27) AND IZVESTIYA SPECIAL REPORT BY CORRESPONDENT KORYAVIN (MARCH 26) BOTH FOCUS ON RUMORS AND "OPINIONS" THAT FAISAL ASSASSIN WAS NOT ACTING ALONE. PRAVDA ARTICLE REPLAYS AN NAHAR REPORT SAYING "POLITICAL AND SOCIAL CIRCLES" IN
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 MOSCOW 04251 272011Z

ARAB WORLD ARE CONVINCED THAT THE KING'S DEATH WAS THE RESULT OF A "PLANNED POLIY," NOT JUST THE ACT OF A MENTALLY

DERANGED RELATIVE. KORYAVIN, ONLY SLIGHTLY LESS SUBTLY, CAREFULLY BRACKETS WITH QUOTATION MARKS (A NORMAL SOVIET METHOD OF SUGGESTING DISBELIEF) REPLAY OF OFFICIAL SAUDI STATEMENT CLAIMING FAISAL' ASSASSIN WAS MENTALLY DERANGED RELATIVE ACTING ALONE.

3. SECOND TASS ARTICLE (PRAVDA) FOLLOWS UP PRAVDA'S REPORT OF AN NAHAR CONSPIRACY THEORY BY WEAVING INTRICATE WEB OF INNUENDO SUGGESTING CLEAR LINK BETWEEN U.S. INTERESTS AND FAISAL'S DEATH. TASS --CITING WASHINGTON POST -- RECALLS SAUDI ARABIA'S DECISION TO CURTAIL OIL PRODUCTION, ANNOUNCED AT THE ALGIERS OPEC MEETING, AND QUOTES POST THAT SAUDI DECISION WAS "A HEAVY BLOW FOR THE UNITED STATES." TASS THEN ALLEGES THAT U.S. PRESS IS SUGGESTING THAT FAISAL'S MURDER WILL "ACTIVATE THE INTRIGUES" OF AMERICAN OIL MONOPLIES (SPECIFICALLY ARAMCO) "WITH NEW FORCE." CLINCHING ITS CASE, TASS CONCLUDES WITH LENGTHY CITATION FROM NEW YORK DAILY NEWS AND NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLES, GIST OF WHICH IS THAT U.S. OFFICIALS HOPE PRINCE FAHD, WHO IS CALLED FRIEND OF THE U.S., WILL EXERCISE THE REAL POWER IN THE NEW SAUDI REGIME.

4. ABOVE REPORTS APPEAR TO REPRESENT YET ANOTHER EFFORT BY THE SOVIET PROPAGANDA MACHINE TO STIR UP TROUBLE BETWEEN THE U.S. AND ONE OF ITS FRIENDS AND TO RAISE STILL ANOTHER POTENTIAL OBSTACLE TO U.S. COOPERATION WITH THE ARABS. WE DOUBT THAT USSR OFFICIALS SERIOUSLY CREDIT IDEA THAT U.S. WAS INVOLVED IN FAISAL'S DEATH, BUT THIS WILL NOT DETER THE PROPAGANDISTS FROM SEEKING SOME MILEAGE FROM CHARGES THAT A SINISTER U.S. HAND PLAYED SOME ROLE IN THE KING DEATH.
STOESSEL

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PRESS COMMENTS, ASSASSINATION, ALLEGATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 27 MAR 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: GolinoFR
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975MOSCOW04251
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750110-0790
From: MOSCOW
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750310/aaaaaikm.tel
Line Count: 93
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: GolinoFR
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 23 MAY 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <23 MAY 2003 by ifshinsr>; APPROVED <27 MAY 2003 by GolinoFR>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: SOVIET PRESS HINTS U.S. INTERESTS LINKED WITH FAISAL MURDER
TAGS: PFOR, UR, US, (FAISAL)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006